

**District IV Advisory Board
Minutes
March 19, 2003
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The District IV Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall located at 1749 S. Martinson. In attendance were the District IV Council Member, seven (7) District Advisory Board Members, three (3) City staff members, and seventy-eight (78) citizens. Approximately (88) were in attendance.

Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Ed Koon
Wayne Wells
Jim Benton
Jerry McGinty
Rex Gray
Paul Ward
Iola Crandall

Members Absent

None

Staff

Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant
Scott Logan, Public Works
Steve Lackey, Public Works

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Gale called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests. **Gale** summarized the DABs role and thanked Newman for hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2003 - deferred to April 2nd

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes (**Benton/McGinty 7-0**).

1. Off-Agenda items

McCormick Avenue proposal - Newman University Officials made a presentation on proposed traffic changes to McCormick Avenue where McCormick crosses through the university. **Dr. Dunleavy** introduced university and city staff that have worked together over the last several years to get to the current proposal. A Power-Point presentation was given outlining why to reroute McCormick Avenue. Highlights included:

- 40,000 students cross McCormick annually for classes
- 60,000 people attend Newman events annually

- This semester set a record for having the largest enrollment and credit hours in school history.
- A proposal was made to ask the City for \$750,000 while Newman would provide \$50,000 for project engineering.
- The proposal focuses on safety and traffic needs of immediate community and the growth of Newman University

The following are questions from the Board. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Ed Koon - Is staff making a presentation? *Steve Lackey, Director of Public Works, has been working with Newman to remove pedestrian traffic from campus along with vehicle traffic. It is important that a preliminary design be current and to understand analysis is preliminary. The idea of Newman providing \$50,000 is very helpful to the project and is very much appreciated.*

Koon - What is the source of funding? *CIP (General Obligation bonds). Programming of CIP taking place in a few months.*

Wayne Wells - Circle in upper right frame, what is it for? *Decorative, not a traffic circle.*

Jim Benton - What is the construction timeframe? *As early as 2005 but only if the City Council approves it. Best case is design this year and construction next year. Would McCormick be closed? Would prefer to keep traffic flowing. Students face irresponsible drivers daily. Thanked Newman and the City for working on features. Would like to see short term fix in the mean time. Scott Logan - Safety is a concern. Looked at placing a signal and it didn't meet warrants. Elementary, middle, and high schools are given priority. Budget is low so a light is not possible at this time.*

Paul Ward - for **Mr. Goebel**, how do area businesses feel about this? *Star Lumber is the only business facing McCormick. They support the reroute based on their relationship with Newman and the increase in traffic that has taken place since Star Lumber built at that location. Dr. Dunleavy - When working with the City, visited with all businesses along McCormick and West St., all were supportive.*

Jerry McGinty – How soon will this go to Council? *As soon as March 25th or April 1st, if board is comfortable to make recommendation.*

Benton - Still concerned about students at future students at apartments across McCormick. **Dunleavy** - *That can be addressed in the engineering phase. All students 21 yrs old or older and/or married.*

Benton - Please consider a crosswalk.

Gale - Mr. Shelton's concerns; some improvement made.

Mark Graber- Between Sheridan and McCormick, have systematically taken parking off to clear room for pedestrian and site. Lighting has been added to improve visibility. The City has been cooperative. Rerouting McCormick is a long-term solution.

Benton - Did you study lowering the speed limit? *The speed limit would be 30 m.p.h.*

Council Member Gale - If the Council moves ahead, the University will fund the design, then financing has to be prioritized. Explained budget cuts and that this proposal would be considered this fall for CIP.

Board Action: A motion was made and passed to recommend approval of the proposal to reroute McCormick to the City Council (Wells/Ward 7-0). Benton asked that a crosswalk be considered at Sheridan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton
Neighborhood Assistant
District IV

Guest List:

Joe Childs	Robert Goebel	Mark Graber
Diane Cotter	Greg Feverborn	Stephanie Cotty
Sue Pager	Aidan Tim fry	Kristin Bearys
Christy Thomas	Carl Mitchell	Mary Shidler
Kimberly Pitts	Melissa Congdon	Charlie Daniels
Shawn Jacques	Amanda Sackett	Joe Blanchay
Rich Oliverson	Stephen Cotter	Shirley Rueb
Nyalls Hartman	Deb Scheer	Sue Reeves
Fred Washington	John Felts	Karla Knight
Patricia Childs	Eugene Cameron	Luke Kuslard
Quinn Bowman	Scott Palermo	Joy Hague
Judy Worrell	Rose Bohr	Jane Wesbet
Don Huffone	Rosemary Niedens	Vern Larson
Thomasini Staechlein	Jay Samra	Josh Chilson
Barb & Curt Haynes	Kerrilyn Garde	Kyle Schoytger
Linda Sabala	Tiffani Mack	Tobi Corki
Katie Nolde	Tim Banks	Chin Scimary
Jason Prideaux	R Logan	Jill Couper
John McCormier	Roger A.	Joe Goetz
John Vogt	Divitar Dineitrov	Bev White

Tod Hawkins
Lois Neace
Peggy Warren
Jassendra Kent
JoAnn Mark

Larry Heck
David Stephson
Thomas Brannon
Steve Dunn
Greg Moss

Jamie Miller
Carol Hyoroge
Veronica Soles
Gayla Goertz
Jessica Levy